OREB 2026 Endorsement Questions and Information

The first step to gaining endorsement from Our Revolution East Bay is completing the Endorsement Questions. Please answer **every** question; it is important to know your values. Most questions are Yes or No at the end of each section you may expand on any of your answers. Your explanation should be **CONCISE.** We may publish your answers to any question. **The purpose of the questionnaire is to ensure that endorsed candidates' values align with those of OREB. OREB continually monitors the actions of endorsed candidates regarding their questionnaire responses.**

If you have concerns or questions, please contact Carol Coyote and Michael Cheng.

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Campaign Information

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Core Values

1. Do you pledge to take no money from Super PACs? *

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

2. Have you or will you accept contributions from AIPAC? *

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

3. Have you or will you accept contributions from police unions?: *

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

4. Have you or will you accept contributions from landlord/real estate developers? *

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

5. Do you support the Fair Elections/Clean Money Proposition (SB42)? *

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

6. Do you support and will work for Universal Single payer Healthcare? *

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

7. Do you oppose genocide and military occupation? For example: Gaza? Venezuela? Ukraine? Cuba? Greenland? *

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

8. Do you support abolishing ICE? *

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

9. Do you support legislation to tax billionaires? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

10. Optional: explanation of your responses to questions in this section (please be brief)

Campaign finances and support (please be explicit)

1. Who contributed to your campaign? Other than individual donations, who have and who will you receive donations? List all groups, unions, businesses (especially those doing business with the entity in which you seek to hold office). *

As of now I am only receiving public financing contributions from individuals

2. Which candidates will/have you endorse/d and/or contribute/d? *

I have not endorsed or contributed as of yet.

3. Please list persons and organizations who have endorsed you. *

I have to submit this at a later date.

4. Please list PACs, and independent expenditure committees supporting you. *

N/A

5. List any/all industries, organizations and people that you will decline donations and endorsements from, please be inclusive. *

I am not focused on donations from any industries or organizations

Crime and Law Enforcement

1. What do you think about the use of force by police? What and when is appropriate and what and when is not? *

Police should not use force.

2. Do you support banning private prisons? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

3. Do you support installing surveillance cameras such as FLOCK, which stores individual information, at public areas? *

- ( ) Yes
- (●) No

4. Do you oppose capital punishment? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

5. Should convicted felons and prison in-mates be granted the right to vote? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

6. Do you believe it is ever warranted to suspend due process? *

- ( ) Yes
- (●) No

7. Optional: explanation of your responses to questions in this section (please be concise)

Human Rights, Immigration, and Civil Rights

1. Do you support DACA? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

2. Do you support closing immigration detention facilities? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

3. Do you support increased funding for immigration assistance? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

4. Should immigrants without felonies be given a path to citizenship? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

5. Do you support DEI? (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

6. Do you support reparations? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

7. Optional: explanation of your responses to questions in this section (please be concise)

Infrastructure Issues

1. Do you support public banking? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

2. Do you think public transit should be free? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

3. Optional: explanation of your responses to questions in this section (please be concise)

Current Labor Issues

1. Do you support a California “living wage”? How? *

I support a living wage for all people. What is at the core of unlivable wages is inflation and the deregulation of our economic and consumer markets. In order to create livability for all people we have to first stop enabling a dishonest economic landscape.

2. List 3 ideas to reduce the price of shelter in your community? *

Rent freeze, repeal Costa Hawkins, change how affordability is currently determined.

3. What do you propose to protect renters in your community? Please comment on laws/acts, such as Costa Hawkins and others, to be repealed, and added/legislated? *

Repeal Costa Hawkins and change our structures for development away from giving exorbitant benefits to for profit and market rate developers. Change policies that allow market rate developers to determine their own rent rates when applying for loans (which lock in high rent prices that can never come down).

4. Do you support the repeal of all laws that criminalize or punish homeless people? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

How do we provide/develop more affordable and low-cost housing? In your community and in California? *

We create city policies that only allow development that aligns with the needs of our community. We can partner with Impact Investors who already are already organizing themselves to move capital towards humanitarian and sustainable economies, including the creation of affordable housing. We also have more government money that could be put towards this, they just aren"t doing it.

Education (How do we provide affordable and quality education and childcare?)

1. Do you support charter schools? *

- ( ) Yes
- (●) No

2. Should charter schools be at no cost and unionized? Please use examples in your community.

3. Do you support no cost public college and university? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

4. Do you support the cancellation of all student debt? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

5. Do you support free universal public pre-K? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

6. Do you support free universal childcare for children under 5? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

7. Do you support “strengthening” Title IX including trans rights? *

- ( ) Yes
- (●) No

8. Optional: explanation of your responses to questions in this section (please be concise) *

Question 7: Title Nine was a specific action to address specific issues for women. I think trans deserve their own legislation to protect and support their rights. Even though it is all about discrimination trans discrimination has unique and specific distinctive concerns that should be given voice in a specific legislation.

Environmental

1. How will you work to uphold environmental regulations in the face of the government's attempt to eradicate? Include and use example from your community. *

Environmental regulations are complicated and we tend to oversimplify what we think has impact to improve our environment. We actually have to look at very specific aspects of norms that we all just accept and never address. One example is with development. We talk all day about development and create regulations and policies forcing over development in the name of a "housing crisis" for example (lining the pockets of many industries while pretending to be caring about housing our community -even though many of our most vulnerable are never housed) while the production and mass manufacturing of much of the materials create some of the worst environmental impacts on our world! While we hyper focus on bike lanes we allow industries with massive impact continue to manufacture and pollute on massive scales. We don't even shut down corporations in violation, we allow them to violate and simply pay fines and continue to pollute. There is a lot of work to do here.

2. What do you think is the most critical environmental issue? In your community? *

Right now the construction of massive high rises, over densification and loss of open space, greenery, trees is critical, although our leadership is painting this all in a different light.

3. Do you support community and government oversight in the approval of and the construction of data centers for corporations? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

Election

1. Do you support the Constitutional amendment to repeal Citizens United? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

2. Will you uphold the Voting Rights Act? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

3. Do you support universal mail-in ballots? (such as was used for Prop 50) *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

4. Optional: explanation of your responses to questions in this section (please be concise)

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US Foreign Policy – National Issues Affect Local Positions

1. Do you support the international campaign of BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions)? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

2. What should the US policy be on Palestine/Israel? *

The US should be in solidarity to stop the genocide of Palestinians.

3. Do you agree with the current economic sanctions? *

Which sanctions are you referring to? Obviously under Trump our current economic sanctions are as questionable as he is.

4. What are your views on the tariff policy?

Again, tariff policies are far reaching and distinctive. I don't believe their is just "A tariff" policy -under our current leadership. Of course Trump's tariff policies are as out of control as every other action of our current leader.

Anything Else?

1. Thanks for your time and thoughtfulness. Is there anything else we should know? *

If we are going to have any significant impact we all have to expand ourselves and challenge how we operate, think about and play into the current paradigm that we are living in. We all can get caught up sometimes in the "scheme" of things and be unaware of areas where we may be being complicit. I do not say this in any disrespect to anyone but if we have the humility to look deeper into all aspects of every factor that plays a role in our cultural dysfunction we will expand our capacity for meaningful change.

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